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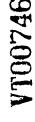
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PART I

INTRODUCTION

Rutgers - The State University of New Jersey, is a unique institution which combines some of the features of the principal types of institutions which have given American higher education its peculiar diversity-the colonial classical college, the land-grant college, and the state university.

Founded in 1766 as Queen's College, Rutgers was the eighth college in the colonies. Its sponsorship by the Dutch Reformed Church, formally discontinued in 1864, was typical of the times when most colleges were established by religious groups.

In 1945 the State Legislature extended the designation of "State University" to all units of Rutgers. In 1946, an urban complex, the University of Newark, was merged with Rutgers; and in 1950, the College of South Jersey at Camden became a part of the State University. With research units and experimental farms scattered from Sussex (northern) to Cape May (southern) counties, Rutgers extends its influence to all parts of the State.

The Department of Vocational-Technical Education was founded on July 1, 1963 and established formally as the fifth department of the Graduate School of Education. This department was made possible through extensive exploration and planning with the State Department of Education, Division of Vocational Education.

The Graduate School of Education is located on the New Brunswick Campus of the University. New Brunswick, which is the core of Central New Jersey, is surrounded by many towns, with a total population of over 500,000. Located in the center of the largest metropolitan area in the United States, New Brunswick is 30 miles southwest of New York City, and 60 miles northeast of Philadelphia. Combined with New Jersey's own prominence as a major market, the three areas represent a closely combined trade zone of 18 million people. A radius of 250 miles covers a 12-state area which many companies serve from plants in New Jersey. Over 50 million people -- one-fourth of the United States' population -- work and buy in this region.

Paper presented at Upper Midwest Vocational Teacher Educational Conference, University of Minnesota, May 14, 1968.



PROGRAMS AVAILABLE:

The Department offers courses and programs leading to certification, as well as degree programs. Degrees granted include the Bachelor of Science, Master of Education, and the Degree of Education.

Undergraduate programs are available in agricultural education, home economics, trade and industrial education, and technical education.

Programs on the Master's level are available in agricultural education, business education, distributive education, home economics, technical education, vocational trade and industrial education, and vocational coordination and supervision.

The highlight of each Master's program is the Master-Teacher Externship. Externships are "tailor-made" to meet the individual needs of students, and are provided through the cooperation and coordination with industrial, business, and research concerns, as well as public agencies. The period of the externship may vary from three to six weeks in length, for which the extern will receive graduate credit at the rate of one credit per week of the externship.

The Vocational-Technical doctoral curriculum consists of four groups of courses and/or experiences as follows: Core, Selected Area Coursework, Internship and Dissertation Study. The full details of the program are available in the Department bulletin, Doctorate in Vocational-Technical Education. A brief schematic of the Vocational-Technical Doctoral Major follows.



VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL DOCTORAL MAJOR

CORE 18 HOURS

WITHIN THE 30 MASTER'S CREDITS AND THE 18 CORE CREDITS, A MINIMUM OF ONE COURSE IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING 6 CORE AREAS MUST BE TAKEN:

- 1. VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL EDUCATION
- 2. EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATIONS
- 3. PSYCHOLOGY
- 4. SOCIOLOGY
- 5. ECONOMICS
- 6. RESEARCH METHODS

SELECTED AREA COURSEWORK 18 HOURS

EMPHASIS IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- I. ADMINISTRATION
- 2. RESEARCH
- 3. COLLEGE TEACHING

INTERNSHIP 6 HOURS

DISSERTATION STUDY
12 HOURS



The previously stated material was presented to better acquaint you with Rutgers, the Department, and the programs available in the area of Vocational-Technical Education. In addition, background material concerning the location and factors of industrial growth and development are of serious concern in this specialization. The most recent and most innovative undergraduate teacher education program at Rutgers is the COPE program.

COOPERATIVE OCCUPATIONAL PRETEACHING EXPERIENCE

The Department of Vocational-Technical Education of Rutgers - The State University, through University College, has developed a second track for a new source of teachers for vocational (trade and industrial) education. This particular program is designed to provide high school graduates, primarily from vocational and industrial arts education programs, as well as technical institute graduates, with an opportunity to combine cooperative work experience (COPE) in their chosen trade or occupation with an approved academic program. Upon satisfactory completion of the prescribed program, the individuals will receive appropriate teacher certification, and will have earned the Bachelor of Science degree.

The cooperative aspect of the offering and the formal University program are compatible in that University College courses are offered in the late afternoon and evening, leaving the student ample time to work in industry. The student is required to accrue a minimum of 5,000 hours of approved work experience, under the supervision of the COPE coordinator in his trade. Time spent learning the trade in either the high school or technical institute programs would be counted toward the 5,000-hour experience requirement. The student, upon completing his minimum experience requirement, can petition the department to take an occupational competency examination. Satisfactory achievement on this examination will earn 12 hours of academic credit for the student.

The first 60 hours, or approximately three years, are devoted to the basic requirements and liberal arts courses. At the end of this three-year period, the student will meet with the vocational education screening committee for a review of his academic and work experience records. With a favorable recommendation, he may begin taking vocational and professional education courses.

University College is the evening degree-granting college of Rutgers. Classes are only conducted in the evening, which makes it possible for a COPE student to work a full-time job during the day and attend classes in the evening. A student may register for nine credits per semester. A nine-credit load would require the student to attend class two evenings per week.



University College conducts classes in five different areas of the state. Classes are offered in Camden, Jersey City, Newark, New Brunswick, and Paterson. Students register at the local division, where they will take their course work.

COPE students are first required to be accepted by University College, and then must appear for a personal interview with the director or assistant director of the program.

Scholarships of \$200 for the first year are available. This money will cover the cost of tuition and fees for a total of six credits per term. The scholarships are made available through a three-year grant from the Ford Foundation. The Ford Foundation funded the project for a three-year period (July 1, 1967 - June 30, 1970). The grant was received to help start the program, and encourage minority group individuals to enter the field of vocational-technical education as teachers.

Students who start the program without any transfer credit will require approximately six years to complete the B.S. degree requirements. It is possible, under present New Jersey certification requirements, that a COPE student would be able to enter vocational-technical teaching before completion of the B.S. degree. When a student has been employed in his specialization for the number of years required for state certification, he may choose to start teaching and continue with his degree program. This is entirely possible within the structure and organization of the COPE program.

A student may pursue a specialization in any one of the recognized trade or industrial areas offered in the secondary or post-secondary programs of the state. Advisement is important due to the length of time required to complete the program, and the requirements needed by teachers of the future. Consideration of new offerings and discontinuation of some present offerings are carefully considered in advising students. An attempt is made to be as accurate as facts and figures indicate concerning future trends in vocational education.

The cooperative work aspect of the COPE program is based upon 5,000 hours of supervised work experience in the trade or occupational specialization the student is preparing to teach. The 5,000 hours is equal to about 30 months ($2\frac{1}{2}$ years) of full-time employment. Credit is not given for the 5,000 hours of supervised work experience per se. The supervised work experience allows the student to register for the occupational competency examination in his specialization. Twelve credits are granted for successful completion of the competency examination. The examination is part written and part practical in nature. Hour-for-hour clock time is granted toward the 5,000 hours for students who graduated from a vocational high school specialization or a post-high school program. Completion of the COPE program results in certification and the Bachelor of Science degree.



Since the program started only within the past year, it is much too early to evaluate the program at this time. It will take between four and five years before the first student will be graduated from the program. It is planned that an evaluation study will be undertaken after a number of the COPE graduates enter vocational-technical teaching.

At this point in time, it appears safe to say that the basic idea is workable. The idea of a cooperative experience in industry, combined with a university program, should provide another source of vocational-technical teachers. The final product, it is hoped, will be unique in a number of ways. First, the new teacher would have completed and received a B.S. degree. Second, the new teacher would have successfully taken and passed an occupational competency examination. In addition, he would have had at least 30 months of supervised work experience plus, perhaps, at least another 30 months of employ-Third, the new teacher could enter ment in his specialization. teaching at age 24 or 25, and be able to move on to more advanced study. Under the more traditional approach, a person enters teaching after a specified number of years of trade experience. Then, to obtain certification, and much less a B.S. degree, is a tremendous challenge.

The COPE program was started with the first semester of the 1967-1968 academic year. Ten students were accepted by University College, and were screened into the COPE program. Three of the original ten did not register for the second semester. One dropped out after a few weeks because he was unable to work and go to school in the evening. The other two failed both of the courses they were taking, and decided not to return for the second semester.

Eight new students entered the program for the first time during the second semester. The COPE enrollment for the second semester of the 1967-1968 year was fifteen.

At the present time there are thirty students enrolled in the program for the next academic year (1968-1969). With the present staff, an enrollment of 30-40 students seems to be of a workable size. Additional increases in enrollment, however, will warrant an appropriate increase in staff.



PART II

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A Curriculum Advisory Committee for Trade and Industrial Education was recently established in the Department of Vocational-Technical Education. The members of this committee also serve as advisors to the COPE program.

The membership of the committee consists of the following: employers representing both large and small industries, a state education director, a local superintendent of vocational education, and a state employment service manager.

The purposes of such a committee are two-fold in nature. The department is able to discuss its programs and problems with the people who end up with the products of the educational process. The students that are being educated end up in jobs in industries much like those represented by the members of the advisory committee. Committee members are able to offer advice, criticism, and suggestions concerning the direction of such a program as COPE. Also, they can be most helpful in offering employment, within their organizations; to COPE students. This makes a nice arrangement, since some of the advisory committee members can give feed-back information concerning the work habits and problems of COPE students employed in their organizations.

A listing of the advisory committee members follows.



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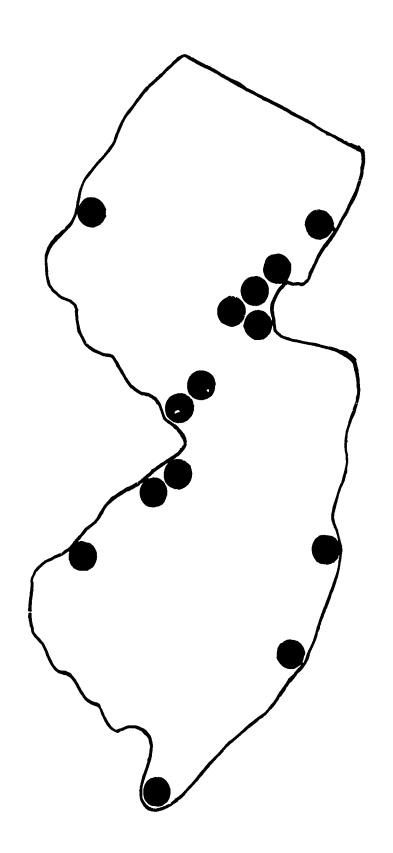
Mr. John Moullette, Lecturer in Education

Mr. Charles Buzzell, Instructor and Assistant Director of COPE

Dr. Albert Pautler, Assistant Professor and Director of COPE Advisor to Committee



RECRUITMENT



A STATE WIDE RECRUITMENT
PROGRAM WAS INITIATED IN
SEPTEMBER, 1967. IT COVERED

18 HIGH SCHOOLS

IN

II COUNTIES

AND RESULTED IN

THE PRESENTATION OF

THE COPE PROGRAM TO MORE THAN

1300 STUDENTS



PART III

RECRUITMENT

As with any new program, recruitment of students is a very important factor. Dissemination of information concerning the COPE program was one of the first steps undertaken to get the program underway.

A descriptive COPE brochure was designed and printed. A mass mailing to all secondary and post-secondary schools in New Jersey was then made with the new brochure. The brochure had a tear-out post-card which interested students could fill out and return requesting application materials.

A letter was sent with the initial mailing of COPE brochures stating that a presentation could be made in the local schools, if this was desirable. As a result, nineteen programs were presented in eleven counties of New Jersey. The presentations were made to approximately thirteen hundred students.

The COPE director and assistant director took part in many other programs involving administrators, guidance personnel, and teachers.

Visual aids were designed by the department and made by a professional illustrator to make it possible to speak to various groups and use high-quality visuals. A "flip-flop" chart system, 35 mm slides, and overhead projector visuals were made for this purpose. The quality of the visual materials was considered outstanding, and many favorable comments were received from people who viewed the presentations.



PROGRAMS PRESENTED

Atlantic City High School Technical Center and Vocational School
41 North Illinois Avenue
Atlantic City, New Jersey

Bergen County Vocational and Technical High School 200 Hackensack Avenue Hackensack, New Jersey

Burlington County Vocational and Technical High School Cadillac Road Burlington, New Jersey

Camden County Vocational and Technical High School 6008 Browning Road Merchantville, New Jersey

Cape May County Vocational-Technical Institute Franklin Street Cape May, New Jersey

Dickinson High School
2 Polasky Street
Jersey City, New Jersey

Eastern Regional High School Box 38 Glassboro, New Jersey

Ferris High School 123 Coles Street Jersey City, New Jersey

Middlesex County Vocational and Technical High School 256 Easton Avenue New Brunswick, New Jersey

Middlesex County Vocational and Technical High School 618 New Brunswick Avenue Perth Amboy, New Jersey

Middlesex County Vocational and Technical High School - Girls Convery Boulevard Woodbridge, New Jersey

Ocean County Vocational-Technical Schools
West Water Street
Toms River, New Jersey



Thomas A. Edison Vocational and Technical High School 625 Summer Street Elizabeth, New Jersey

Trenton Vocational and Technical High School Greenwood Avenue and Chambers Street Trenton, New Jersey

Warren County Vocational School and Technical Institute 151 West Washington Avenue Washington, New Jersey





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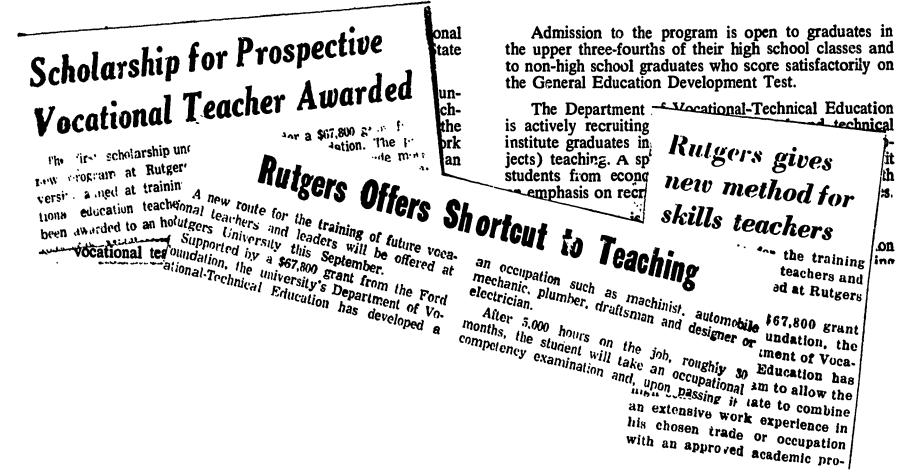
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FORD FOUNDATION SPONSORED PROGRAM OFFERS ANOTHER APPROACH TO VOCATIONAL TEACHING





PART IV

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Dissemination of information at the start of any new project or program is essential for both recruitment and public relations. The public relations services of the University were called upon to assist with the dissemination of information. As a result of this combined effort, information concerning the COPE program appeared in many newspapers throughout the state, and various professional publications throughout the nation.

Due to this widespread coverage, many requests for information were received from persons in New Jersey as well as from persons in other states and countries.

The COPE brochure, discussed in Part III, was distributed widely both in and out of the state.

The director and assistant director of the COPE program took part in the New Jersey Personnel and Guidance Association, Reverse College Day. This is an annual conference held in Atlantic City to acquaint the guidance directors and their staff with various post-secondary schools as well as industries offering employment to their students.

The director of the COPE program was requested to make a presentation at the Upper Midwest Vocational Teacher Education Conference concerning the program. The presentation was made on May 14, 1968. The title of the conference was, <u>Developing Innovative Vocational-Technical Teacher Education Programs</u>. The conference participants were vocational teacher educators from the midwest regions of the United States. The papers presented will be published along with the conference proceedings. The conference was sponsored by the Minnesota Research Coordination Unit in Occupational Education, University of Minnesota, Minnesota, Minnesota.

The first COPE Employer-Employee Banquet was held on May 24, 1968 at the University Commons of Rutgers - The State University. The purpose of the banquet was to bring together the COPE students and their employers in order to express the appreciation of the Department of Vocational-Technical Education for the help and assistance rendered by the employers. State education department personnel were also in attendance at the banquet. We hope that it will be an annual banquet.

In addition, we have had many requests for additional information concerning the COPE program. Requests have been received from universities, colleges, state education departments, and high schools.



PART V

THE STUDENTS

The COPE program was started with the first semester of the 1967-1968 academic year. Ten students were accepted by University College, and were screened into the program. Three of the original ten students did not re-register for the second semester. One student dropped out of the program after a few weeks because he was unable to work and attend school in the evening, as his employer insisted on a great deal of overtime. An apparent excuse to drop out, since the full details of the program were explained to the student during his initial interview. The other two students failed both of their courses, and decided not to return for the second semester.

Eight new students entered the program for the first time during the second semester. The enrollment for the second semester of the 1967-1968 year was fifteen.

It appears at this time that 30 students will be enrolled in the program during the 1968-1969 academic year. With the present staff an enrollment of 30-40 students seems to be of a workable size for the present time.

Data based on the eighteen students to date are available and seems worthy of note. (Sixteen students plus two dropouts.)



TABLE 5-1

COPE ST	UDENTS			
Mean Age - Years	21.5			
Single Married	78% 22%			
Mean Percentile Rank - H.S.	59%	N=15		
Previous College Work Accepted by University College	22%	N=4	of	18
Previous Post-High School Work	72%	N=13	of	18
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College Preparatory General Vocational-Technical Mean - Verbal (College	33% 44% 25%	N=6 N=8 N=4		18 18 18
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The data from Table 5-1 will give the reader a general idea of the background, high school record, and college board scores of the students.

Table 5-2 shows the grades received by the initial ten COPE students during the first semester of the 1967-1968 year.

Table 5-3 shows the grades received by the active COPE students during the second semester of the 1967-1968 school year.



TABLE 5-2

COPE STUDENTS

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TABLE 5-3 COPE STUDENTS

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ACTIVE COPE STUDENTS

FIRST YEAR U.C. GRADES

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3.2 Grade Point Average

PART VI

PROJECTIONS - PLANS - RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. The director and assistant director of the COPE program will assume a more active role in the advisement of students. This advisement will, of course, continue to involve the directors of the various University College divisions. During the first year of the program, all course advisement was rendered by the directors of the University College divisions.
- 2. All beginning COPE students are required to have an interview with the COPE director or assistant director. At the time of the interview, each student is required to take the English pretest, which is administered by the Chairman of the English Department of University College. (Transfer students from other colleges are not required to take the pretest.) The intent of this testing is to decrease the high percentage of failures experienced by COPE students during the first year of the program by identifying those who need remedial help.
- 3. On the basis of the results of the English pretest, a recommendation for remedial instruction in English will be given. Remedial instruction is offered on a noncredit basis by the University Extension Division.
- 4. The Curriculum Advisory Committee will continue to function in the future. It is anticipated that the members of the committee will take a more active position dealing with the placement of COPE students. Likewise, they will be involved in the development of the occupational competency examinations.
- 5. The First Employer-Employee Banquet was an unqualified success, and it is anticipated that the banquet will be a yearly affair. The continued support of the COPE employers or field faculty, as they are sometimes called, is essential to the continuation of the program. The banquet serves a dual purpose in that it provides, along with its obvious social function, an opportunity for the smaller employers to realize the extent of the commitment being made by other participating industries. In addition, the opportunity for articulation between the members of the educational institution and those from the various industries involved in the program, is also facilitated by this function.



- 6. The evening Feedback Sessions with COPE students will continue. A meeting with all active COPE students will be held during the fall and spring semesters to give the students a chance to discuss their programs and ideas.
- 7. Public relations and dissemination of information are important in any new program. Every attempt will be made to continue the media coverage on both the national and local level.
- 8. After COPE students complete one academic year in liberal and general education courses, they will be encouraged to take at least one course per summer session in the area of vocational-technical education. This would expose them, at a much earlier level, to the field they are preparing to teach, as well as placing them in the company of classroom teachers of vocational-technical education.
- 9. A workable size of the program, with the current staff, appears to be about 40 students. (Director about one-quarter time and assistant director full-time.) A decision regarding the expansion or limitation of the program will have to be made during the next year.
- 10. The experience gained from working to recruit members of minority groups into the COPE program was both enlightening and frustrating. Enlightening in that it identified some of the educational problems prevalent within certain segments of our culture. Frustrating in that the methods for solving these problems were either "unknown," "impractical," "untested," or "unorthodox."

Soon after the initiation of the recruitment drive, it became apparent that the two phases of the COPE program, the B.S. phase, and the work experience phase, had built into them "hidden prerequisities" which were immediately apparent to the individuals for whom the program was geared, but completely hidden to the proponents of the program.

The Recruiter's Jargon

One need only ponder for a moment the effect that the highly polished, articulate university representative, with his academic accolades streaming along behind like a chrome plated cortege, had on the culturally deprived student in the ghetto school. The presentation itself, although it came from a benevolent heart, was filled with the jargon of the university cloister, and certainly esoteric to those whose prime concern was "making bread on the street."



The effect on the potential student of this, his first encounter with the program, was convincing to say the least. It certainly did little to close the gap between the two worlds, "his and ours."

The University's Requirements

Further conviction that the COPE program was not for him came when the student was given the entrance requirements for admission into Rutgers, University College. In order to be admitted without condition "a student must have been graduated from secondary school in the upper three-quarters of his class and must have sixteen units of secondary school work as follows:"

ENGLISH	4 UNITS	
COLLEGE PREPARATORY MATHEMATICS	3 UNITS	
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	2 UNITS	
ADDITIONAL	7 UNITS	
	16 UNITS	TOTAL

Should a student not meet these entrance requirements, he might be admitted with entrance conditions. These entrance conditions must be removed by the time a student without previous college credit has taken 30 credits. Conditions may occur in the following areas, and may be cleared as indicated.

- 1. MATHEMATICS. A student who has not had the prescribed high school units in mathematics may remove this condition by passing the preparatory mathematics course which is taught as a unit for one year.
- 2. FOREIGN LANGUAGE. A student without two high school units in one foreign language may remove this condition by electing (a) to take one year of a college language on a noncredit basis, or (b) to take two years of a college language for credit. (The 12 credits earned in Rutgers The State University may be used either in satisfying the Bachelor of Arts degree foreign language requirement or as elective credit.)
- 3. SCHOLASTIC RECORD. A student whose record leaves doubt as to ability to do college level work will be enrolled on a probationary basis only after examination. The student is on probation and limited to two courses until the probationary status is removed by the Faculty Committee on Scholastic Standing.



Rutgers - The State University, University College Evening Degree Programs, Announcements for 1968-1969. Forty-fourth Series, February 1, 1968, Number 14, p. 30.

The point of all this is to show that the capable student from the ghetto school, for whom the COPE program could have some relevance, would be quick to see that he did not possess the "hidden prerequisites" necessary for survival in this academic environment. At no point was he told that the test of his intellectual prowess would be a realistic one, i.e., the assignment of a learning task and the necessary environment in which to learn it, and finally a realistic and relevant evaluation to determine if he had achieved the task.

Most, if not all, of the subjects which the student from the ghetto school would encounter in the university setting were built upon the assumption that he already had achieved a point of intellectual readiness and skill to commensurate with the average or above average college student. A grossly inaccurate and unfair assumption.

Industry's Contribution

Everyone wants the bright, competent, skilled individual, and industry is no exception. Like the university, it is willing to make an investment in the highly productive, capable individual. On the other hand, the inarticulate (by middle class standards a worker who possesses the potential, but due to his environment has not developed this potential along the expected and prescribed route), is viewed with a jaundiced eye. For this type of individual placement is difficult, and again the "hidden prerequisites" (in some instances this means being white middle class) become painfully apparent.

Some Possible Alternatives

In evaluating the limited success of the recruitment of individuals from minority groups, the authors identified certain courses of action which they feel might remedy the situation.

The Recruitment Program

Two major changes in the recruitment approach for minority groups are currently under advisement. The first is to have a student who is currently enrolled in the COPE program make the presentation to the interested student groups. This presentation would represent a candid view of the program as it is seen through the eyes of the COPE student.

The fielding of questions from the group would be the sole responsibility of the COPE student with the administrative personnel acting only as resource persons. The second modification of the recruitment phase of the program calls for the extension of the recruitment presentation to gatherings which would meet outside of the school.



The University's Commitment

The University administration is as keenly aware of the advantage of the "hidden curriculum" as they are of the inequities of the "hidden prerequisites." Their commitment to the alleviation of these inequities has been given, and all that is needed for the expansion of this commitment is the realistic and relevant design of programs. Their implementation has been guaranteed.

One such program which has already been initiated by this office, and has received the fullest cooperation of the University, was mentioned previously in this report. It is designed to identify and overcome deficiencies in English. This type of program needs to be expanded. The successful identification of areas of academic deficiency in potential students, and the involvement of these students in courses specifically designed to function in a remedial capacity is, at present, a major concern of the directors of the COPE program.

It is felt that in the future a more professional evaluation of potential students will be essential. This evaluation, carried out by a professional psychologist, could provide a means for screening students into the program who might otherwise doubt their capacity to do college work. In addition, professional testing and counseling of this type would identify areas in the individual's academic background which needed reinforcement, and would make recommendations as to how these deficiences might be overcome.

Industry's Contribution

Today many industries, large and small, have made and are making major contributions to the COPE program. However, two new avenues must be opened if the individuals with educationally and culturally deprived backgrounds are to be assimilated into the program.

First, industry will have to open its training programs to COPE students. The need for the student to leave the production line where he is "earning his keep while learning his trade" is apparent. It is no longer a realistic answer to the problems in many industries. If the industry expects to have workers for tomorrow's jobs, it must see to it that those being groomed for the role of teacher are given current and timely training. This training is going on behind many doors presently closed to COPE students.

Second, the time has come in many phases of industrial involvement when industry itself cannot be expected to "foot" the entire cost for training tomorrow's teachers. It is conceivable that new industries breaking ground in areas which are not yet current but which will place a heavy demand for a highly skilled work force on tomoslow's labor market, will need subsidizing in order to train the teachers for that work force. In a technology characterized by change, this would seem to be the coming rule rather than the exception.



In conclusion, the economic growth of this nation is predicated upon a productive, not destructive population. The current unrest among minority groups is an indication of their frustration and dissatisfaction with the way things have been. It has been painfully obvious to those involved in the COPE program, how completely irrelevant aspects of a program can be for those in another subculture. In an attempt to evaluate the successes and failures of this program, certain elements have risen and have demanded attention. To these a commitment has been made. The wisdom of this commitment and the degree of success it will enjoy is, at this point, speculative.

Perhaps a system of tutorial assistance should be made available to COPE students who enter the program with a definite cultural and academic deficiency.



PART VII

CONCLUSIONS

Since the program has been in full operation for only one academic year, it is much too early to make a complete evaluation. It will take between four and five years before the first student becomes eligible for graduation from the program. It is planned that an evaluative study will be undertaken after a number of the COPE graduates enter vocational-technical teaching.

At this point in time, it appears safe to say that the basic idea is workable. The idea of a cooperative experience in industry, combined with a university program providing another source of vocational-technical teachers, is sound. The final product, we hope, will be unique in a number of ways. First, the new teacher would have completed and received a B.S. degree. Second, the new teacher would have successfully taken and passed an occupational competency examination. Third, he would have had at least 30 months of supervised work experience, plus the possibility of at least another 30 months of employment in his specialization. Fourth, the new teacher could enter teaching at age 24 or 25 and be able to move on to more advanced study before age becomes a delimiting factor.

The COPE program is designed to provide another source of vocational-technical teachers.

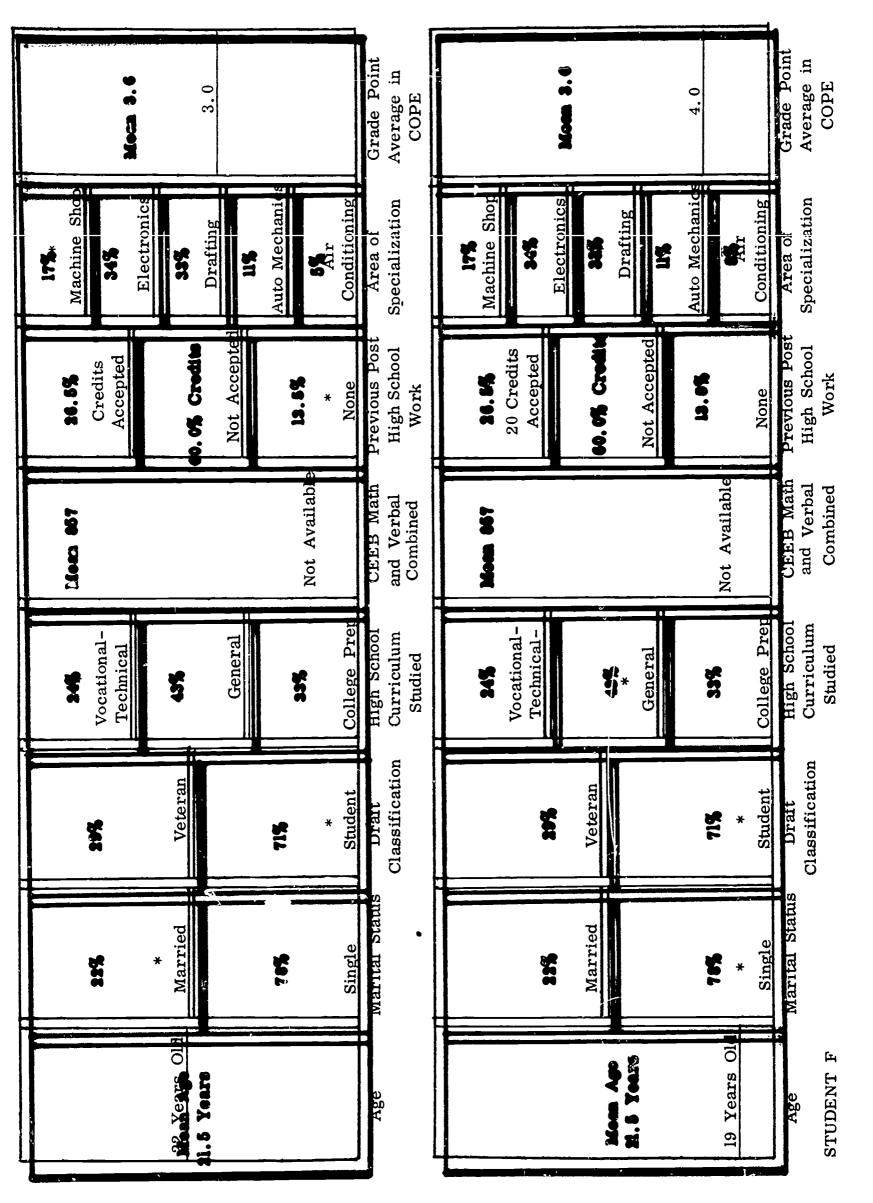
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APPENDIX B

FORMS



Dear

Thank you for your recent request for material concerning the Cooperative Occupational Preteaching Experience program (COPE). The program is designed to allow the high school graduate to combine an extensive work experience program in his chosen trade or occupation with an approved academic program The program is primarily aimed at graduates of secondary schools, vocational and industrial arts programs. However, all applicants to the program will be considered

The enclosed materials will spell out in greater detail the full operation of the COPE program. If, after reading the materials supplied, you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact the director or assistant director at 201-247-7636.

Thank you for your interest in the program.

Sincerely,

Albert J. Pautler, Ed. D. Assistant Professor and Director of COPE

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Enclosures



HOW SHOULD I APPLY FOR THE COPE PROGRAM?

- 1. Write to the University College registrar at 77 Hamilton Street in New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903, requesting a college catalog and application form.
- 2. Return the application form to the University College registrar of the center you plan to attend. (Camden, Newark or New Brunswick) Indicate COPE as your major.

CAMDEN
Annex, Point and Pearl Streets

NEWARK 601 Broad Street

NEW BRUNSWICK
77 Hamilton Street

3. When you receive notification of acceptance to University College, contact the Director of the COPE program for an interview. (201-247-7636)

Dr. Albert J. Pautler
Rutgers - The State University
Department of Vocational-Technical Education
10 Seminary Place
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903



APPLICATION FOR COPE SCHOLARSHIP (COOPERATIVE OCCUPATIONAL PRETEACHING EXPERIENCE)

To become a candidate for a COPE scholarship (usually an award of \$100 per semester for a total of \$200 to pay for tuition, fees, and books at University College - Rutgers), complete the following. Be sure to have it signed by the proper persons. All scholarships are contingent upon admission to University College and completion of registration. Schedule an interview with the COPE director as soon as possible.

1.	NamePhone
2.	Address
	High School
	Address
4.	High school curriculum studied
5.	High school graduation class rank
6.	Year of graduating
7.	Write a short statement (150-200 words) on a separate sheet of paper describing your desires to become a vocational teacher. In the statement indicate what vocational specialization you are interested in teaching.
8.	Your father's or guardian's occupation
9.	Number of brothers sisters
LO.	COPE specialization
l1.	Have this application signed by:
	Parent or Guardian Principal
	MAIL TO:

COPE DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL EDUCATION
10 SEMINARY PLACE
NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY 08903



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INTERVIEW FORM

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State any serious illness or physical limitation				
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What state?				
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CHECKLIST FOR COPE STUDENTS

1.	University College Acceptance
2.	COPE Interview
3.	Letter to Registrar on COPE interview and status
4.	COPE Scholarship Application
5.	COPE Scholarship Status
6.	Letter to University College on COPE Scholarship
7.	Letter to student if COPE scholarship granted. Will include full procedure
8.	\$100.00 check payable to student (1st Semester)
9.	\$100.00 check payable to student (2nd Semester)



COPE - PERMISSION FORM

NAME _	
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	E CHECK THE APPROPRIATE ITEM CONCERNING OUR FIRST CONTACT WITH EMPLOYER.
	I grant you permission to contact my present employer concerning my COPE program.
2.	I do not want you to contact my present employer until after
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	OU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL ME AT 201-247-7636. PLEASE RN THIS FORM WITHIN ONE WEEK.
Since	erely,
Assis	ct J. Pautler, Ed. D. stant Professor and ctor of COPE
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COPE

Dear Principal:

The attached form is being sent to you by one of your past graduates who has entered COPE (Cooperative Educational Program for prospective Vocational-Technical Education teachers) at Rutgers - The State University.

The student has been accepted by University College and will pursue a work-study program leading to the B.S. degree.

For our records, a statement concerning the number of clock hours spent in the vocational or technical specialization is needed to complete the student's records.

Your cooperation in this matter is very much appreciated by both the applicant and the Department of Vocational-Technical Education.

Sincerely,

Albert J. Pautler, Ed. D. Assistant Professor and Director of COPE

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В.	DATE OF GRADUATION
С.	VOCATIONAL OR TECHNICAL SPECIALIZATION
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C O P E

ALL INFORMATION ON THIS REPORT WILL BE STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.
Dear Mr:
This form is being sent to you by,
who (was, is) employed by you in the capacity of
(position, department or title) from
to so that his work experience
can be evaluated for his COPE program as a future teacher of
(trade to be taught) in
vocational trade and industrial education. Please provide the
necessary information and add any additional information you feel
would help in this important evaluation, and return this form in
the envelope provided.
Your cooperation in this evaluation is very much appreciated
by both the applicant and the Department.
Sincerely,
Albert J. Pautler, Ed. D. Assistant Professor and Director of COPE
AJP:bc



COPE - PAST EMPLOYMENT FORM

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6.	Probable success as a teacher:
7.	Remarks - those you feel would be helpful in making an evaluation of this person's manipulative skill and general attitude.
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DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL EDUCATION NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY 98903

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STUDENT REPORT

TO BE FILLED OUT BY STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS: The student should complete this portion of the report form and leave with the employer for his evaluation. The employer should mail this form to the University in the accompanying Self addressed envelope.

Date	
Name (First)	(Middle)
CollegeMajor	Year Division
Employing Firm	
Department	Job Title
Supervisor's Name	Title
Attendance: Times Late Times Absent	Reason
Gross Pay: Hour Week	Gross Pay Full Period
Brief Job Description:	
Comments:	

EMPLOYER'S EVALUATION TO BE FILLED OUT BY EMPLOYER

The employer will please express his candid opinion of this student as a worker in his employ. Criticisms, and comments are earnestly solicited. This information will be utilized by the coordinator for the guidance of the student.

RELATIONS WITH OTHERS	ATTITUDE - APPLICATION TO WORK
 Exceptionally well accepted Works well with others Gets along satisfactorily Has some difficulty working with others Works very poorly with others 	 Outstanding in enthusiasm Very interested and industrious Average in diligence and interest Somewhat indifferent Definitely not interested
JUDGMENT	DEPENDABILITY
Exceptionally mature Above average in making decisions Usually makes the right decision Often uses poor judgment Consistently uses bad judgment	Completely dependable Above average in dependability Usually dependable Somerimes neglectful or careless Unreliable
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This report has been discussed with the student	tudent Yes No



Student's Name
Date
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Summer Session:
Fall Semester:
Spring Semester:
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	Supplementary (17)					
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